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> DEVICES WITH THREADED INTRAMEDULLARY COMPONENT

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated August 19, 2005 (Paper No. 08102005), Applicant hereby elects claims 8-12 for continued examination.

The examiner states that this application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention.

I - FIG. 1 II - FIG. 24

III - FIG. 28

Claims 8-12 are readable on the species taught in FIGS. 24.

Allowance of these claims is respectfully solicited.

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